



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/943,562	08/30/2001	Ronald P. Doyle	RSW920010161US1/IBM029PA	2522
58505 7590 12/04/2009 STEVENS & SHOWALTER, L.L.P. BOX IBM 7019 CORPORATE WAY DAYTON, OH 45459-4238			EXAMINER DIVECHA, KAMAL B	
			ART UNIT 2451	PAPER NUMBER
			MAIL DATE 12/04/2009	DELIVERY MODE PAPER

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

---

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

---

*Ex parte*: RONALD P. DOYLE, DAVID L. KAMINSKY,  
and DAVID M. OGLE

---

Application No. 09/943,562  
Technology Center 2400

---

Mailed: December 4, 2009

---

Before Deborah L. Perry, Supervisory Paralegal Specialist, Review Team.

**ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER**

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 4, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S ANSWER

On September 2, 2009, Examiner mailed a Supplemental Answer, which does not contain the signature of the TC Director. All Supplemental Examiner's Answers require approval from the TC Director or designee in accordance with MPEP 1207.05. Correction is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) obtain the TC Director's signature, as required for all Supplemental Examiner's Answers; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

DLP/bar

STEVENS & SHOWALTER, L.L.P.  
BOX IBM  
7019 CORPORATE WAY  
DAYTON, OH 45459-4238